

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a personal-use device that is a standalone, portable, device and separate from a telephone and a computer and another personal-use device, the standalone device connectable to at least one of a telephone line or the other personal-use device computer, the standalone, portable device having:

a processor;

a storage coupled to said processor to store a first database with a plurality of records, each containing a telephone number, a name and other information; and

an application stored in said storage to enable said processor to access the telephone number of a second party to an ongoing telephone call, search said first database for a record containing said telephone number, and display a name, telephone number and other information associated with said record on the standalone portable device.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said application includes instructions to automatically initiate a search for information related to said record in a second database.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10 wherein said application includes instructions to transmit a search query and receive search results to obtain extended data related to said record in a database external to said system.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11 wherein said application includes instructions to automatically store said information in said first database if said information is found in said external database.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said storage to store a user preference table that indicates a preferred search hierarchy among a plurality of databases.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9 wherein said storage to store a sequential listing of telephone numbers of outgoing telephone calls and caller identification information for incoming telephone calls.

Claims 15-22 (canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving in a first system a search query for information associated with a second party during a telephone call, the first system comprising a portable device separate from a telephone and a personal-use computer and connectable to at least one of a telephone line or the computer;

obtaining the information from the first system if ~~it~~ the information is present in the first system;

searching at least the personal-use computer ~~one remote source~~ for the information if ~~it~~ the information is not present in the first system; and

providing the information to the first system from the ~~remote source~~ personal-use computer and displaying the information on the first system.

Claim 24 (cancel)

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the information in a database of the first system.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, further comprising storing the information in a record in the database associated with the second party.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising synchronizing the record with a stored record in the computer coupled to the first system.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising storing the telephone call in a call history in the first system.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising enabling a user to define a search path for searching a plurality of remote sources for the information.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, wherein the plurality of remote sources includes a remote service provider and the Internet.

Claims 31-37 (canceled)

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising a printer housed in the portable device.

39. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the portable device is coupled to the other personal-use device ~~computer~~ to synchronize data between the first database and a memory of the other personal-use device ~~computer~~.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is wirelessly connectable to the other personal-use device ~~computer~~.

41. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is directly coupled to a service provider via the telephone line.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is to be powered independently of the other personal-use device ~~computer~~.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the standalone portable device is to extract the telephone number from the ongoing telephone call.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising powering the first system independently from the personal-use computer.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising extracting the telephone number from the telephone call in the first system.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising performing the method while the personal-use computer is powered down.

47. (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the other personal-use device is a computer.